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SUBJ: PROPOSED GOLD STAR CABLE PLANT IN ONSAN

REF: (A) STATE 030488, (B) STATE 046100

FOLLOWING IS FOR ATTENTION OF MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS
DIVISION ON BEHALF OF ITT.

1. MR. KIM (KIM YONG-SEOUNG), EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GOLD STAR CABLE CO., LTD. REPORTS THAT \$112.5 MILLION IN QUESTION IS ONLY TENTATIVE FIGURE SINCE PROJECT IS STILL IN PLANNING STAGE. IT INCLUDES WON23.5 BILLION IN DOMESTIC CURRENCY AND \$54 MILLION IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENT REQUIRED FROM 1977 THROUGH 1981 FOR PROJECTED PLANT EXPANSION IN ONSAN. (UNSAN IS INORRECT SPELLING DUE TO TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR IN ORIGINAL REPORT.)

2. FIRM'S EXISTING PLANT WILL REPORTEDLY HAVE ANNUAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF CABLE AND WIRE WITH 12,000 METRIC TONS COPPER AND 2,000 METRIC TONS ALUMINUM CONTENT FIRM'S 1976 PRODUCTION GOAL IS IDENTICAL TO ABOVE CAPACITY; EXPANSION OF NEW PLANT IN ONSAN WILL BE REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE INCREASED PRODUCTION IN 1977 AND BEYOND.

3. \$25 MILLION OF ABOVE \$54 MILLION FOREIGN EXCHANGE REQUIREMENT IS TO BE COVERED BY LOANS. THE REMAINDER BY OWN SOURCES INCLUDING \$7.1 EQUITY INCREASE. PROJECTED DISBURSEMENT OF LOAN FUNDS IS: \$7.5 MILLION IN 1977, \$7.5

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MILLION IN 1979 AND \$10 MILLION IN 1981. THIS INVESTMENT IS

DESIGNED TO EXPAND ANNUAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF CABLE
AND WIRE TO 70,000 M/T COPPER AND 10,000 M/T ALUMINUM
CONTENT BY 1981.

4. PROJECTED EXPANSION SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS (IN ADDITION
TO EXISTING CAPACITY):

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | (UNIT:M/T) |
|--------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| RUBBER WIRE | 550 | 700 | 850 | 1,500 | 2,000 | |
| PLASTIC WIRE | 2,235 | 5,949 | 10,094 | 15,522 | 21,712 | |
| MAGNETIC WIRE | 542 | 1,530 | 2,884 | 4,743 | 7,237 | |
| ELECTRIC CABLE | 677 | 1,698 | 2,884 | 4,312 | 6,031 | |
| COMMUNICATIONS | | | | | | |
| CABLE | 1,558 | 4,079 | 6,922 | 10,779 | 15,078 | |
| BARE WIRE | 1,659 | 3,399 | 5,480 | 6,468 | 8,444 | |
| TOTAL WEIGHT OF | | | | | | |
| COPPER CONDUCTOR | 7,221 | 17,355 | 29,114 | 43,324 | 60,502 | |
| TOTAL WEIGHT OF | | | | | | |
| ALUMINUM CONDUCTOR | 1,500 | 2,500 | 4,000 | 5,800 | 8,000 | |

5. FACILITIES REQUIRED FOR ABOVE EXPANSION INCLUDE:

- 1) SCR (SOUTH WIRE CONTINUOUS ROD MANUFACTURING ONE SET
FACILITIES
- 2) HEAVY DUTY DRAWING MACHINE 12 UNITS
- 3) MEDIUM SIZE DRAWING MACHINE 24
- 4) FINE AND SUPPER FINE DRAWING MACHINES 89
- 5) ANNEALING FURNACE 1
- 6) TINNING DEVICES 1
- 7) STRANDING MACHINE (COLLECTIVE) 19
- 8) WELDING MACHINE 86
- 9) STRANDING MACHINES 50
- 10) DIES REPAIRING MACHINE 3 SETS
- 11) EXTRUDER 60UNITS
- 12) EXTRUDER(TANDEM LINE) 13
- 13) ASSEMBLING MACHINE 8
- 14) PVC COMPOUNDING MACHINE 5
- 15) ENAMELLING MACHINES 31
- 16) PAPER COVERING MACHINES 29
- 17) TWISTING & QUADDING MACHINE 59 UNIT
- 18) COMMUNICATIONS CABLE ASSEMBLING MACHINES 32
- 19) DRYING TANKS 12

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- 20) METALIC SHEATING MACHINE 12
- 21) WIRE ARMORING MACHINE 1
- 22) PRINTING DEVICES 3
- 23) COAXIAL CABLE FORMING MACHINE 3
- 24) METALIC WIRE BRACIDING MACHINE 27
- 25) RUBBER COMPOUNDING MACHINE 1
- 26) TESTING FACILITIES 1
- 27) POWER SUB-STATION 1

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| 28) MACHINE TOOLS | 1 |
| 29) SAW MILL | 1 |
| 30) ACCESSORY FACILITIES | 1 |

6. GOLD STAR IS WILLING TO CONSIDER JOINT VENTURE PROPOSALS FROM PROMINENT U.S. FIRMS UNDER FAVORABLE TERMS, AND IT HAS BEEN MOST PLEASED WITH RESPONSES FROM U.S. FIRMS TO DATE. U.S. FIRMS SHOULD FEEL FREE TO CONTACT MR. KIM DIRECTLY IF INTERESTED. PROJECTED PLANT WILL BE LOCATED IN ONSAN ON 163 ACRES SITE IN KOREA'S SOUTH-EAST COAST.
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